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1. In early January 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Gardelegen (H 53/Y 44) quartered an infantry battalion of about 800 men; an artillery unit of four batteries with 122-mm field howitzers; a 85-mm AT artillery unit; and an air force unit of 13 officers and 36 men. Colonel Kiyezilov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Chikobaba (fnu) were identified as commanding officer and political officer respectively. One of the storage buildings of the installation contains 122-mm artillery pieces; another building, light and heavy AA guns; and a third building, 85-mm AT guns. A German working in the installation said that courses of about eight week's duration were held in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne to familiarize personnel with the new 85-mm AT gun. A unit with 16 x 85-mm AT guns was seen practicing north of the Gardelegen - Kloster Neuendorf road, east of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, on 8 January 1952. One officer and 5 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed with each AT gun. The troops practiced gun drill and aiming, with the commands being communicated by signals with red flags.

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- * Comment. The 598th Itz Rifle Regt and the 730th Gun Arty Regt, both of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, are carried in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Gardelegen. This belief is supported by the 800 infantry troops and the AT artillery unit mentioned in the present report. The 122-mm field howitzers possibly constitute the equipment of the 3d Battalion of the 730th Gun Arty Regt. However, it is believed that if there should be an organic howitzer battalion to a gun artillery regiment, this battalion would be organized into three batteries in conformity with the standard organization of a battalion of a howitzer artillery regiment. The light and heavy AA guns mentioned

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in the present report cannot be accounted for and require confirmation. According to the report by another source, one Colonel Riselev (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Chikobaba (fnu) belong to the 730th Gun Arty Regt.

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~~Comment.~~ [redacted] the 890th Engr Bn of the
LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps in the Remonte Schule.

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